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For : Pro-Apoptotic Agents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

The following amendments are made with respect to the claims in the international application PCT/GB00/00090.

Please substitute the following claim:

Claim 3 (amended):

A pro-apoptotic composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier, and an excretory-secretory product, isolatable from *Necator americanus*, or a functional fragment thereof, capable of inducing apoptosis in reactive T-cells.

Please cancel claims 2, 4, and 5 and add the following new claims: